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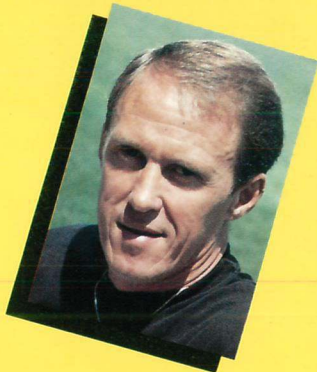
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I THINK just about everyone in football admires Lincoln City for achieving such a remarkable turnaround in fortunes since they went out of the League in 1987. Thanks to some tremendous work by Colin Murphy and his club they are now back in the mainstream and while we have been doing very well ourselves recently I think the message to the players and the supporters alike tonight has got to be that we can't take anything for granted.

It's the old cliché, of course, but when you are in a position

like we are you can only take each game as it comes. Every game needs to be approached with the same determination to win—whether it's a League game away to one of the top clubs or a cup tie at home to a team from a lower division.

This particular competition has a special meaning to our club. Not only has it lifted everyone's spirits and given players and fans memories they will always treasure, it has also provided the club with the cash to buy better players—and we are now seeing the benefits that that can bring.

We are also seeing the benefits of having a full squad of players again after the major injury problems we had to cope with a few weeks ago. It has created stiff competition for places and subsequently presents the manager with selection problems. But that is something I am fully prepared to deal with—it's a lovely problem.

I think results recently have shown that things have got back on an even keel after those injury troubles which plagued us in November and December. The victories over Bury and Tranmere obviously have given us a great deal of encouragement. I accept that we have still to visit some of the top clubs but many of them have still to come here and I'm sure they won't be relishing that.

As we left Wembley in May I said I wanted to take the team back there again as soon as possible. This is our chance to take a step closer to achieving that this season. So I hope we can rely on your vocal support to continue the teamwork that has kept us going and driven us to some remarkable results already.

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With the two local derbies over Christmas our home League average attendance has risen to 6,927. The gate against Blackpool was 9,944 which compared with 7,106 last season, a healthy increase of 2,838; Blackpool visiting contingent totaled 1,240.

(The Sherpa Van Northern Final attendance here in April against Blackpool was 10,345).

The 10,628 attendance against Bury was the highest League gate here for six years with the visitors bringing 1,899 fans with them. On comparison with the two sides meeting from last season (7,897) this showed a healthy increase of 2,731.

The Christmas and New Year programme is traditionally a good time for attendances and this was borne out once again in Barclays League Division 3.

12 clubs recorded their highest League attendances so far over the holiday period—Bolton Wanderers, Bristol Rovers, Chester City, Crewe A, Fulham, Huddersfield Town, Mansfield Town, Notts. County, Rotherham United, Reading, Swansea and Walsall.

The highest crowd in the division over the holidays was the 12,244 at Swansea City for the game against Cardiff City on Boxing Day. There were two other five figure crowds with 11,803 attending the Bristol City v Preston game on New Year's Day while 10,628 at Burnden Park saw our game against Bury on 31st December.

Meanwhile Bury had their lowest crowd of the season—2,551—for the visit of Leyton Orient on New Year's Day.

1989-90 BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 3

	Av. Lge. Att. 89-90	Highest Lge.	Lowest Lge.	Top Scorer (Lge. & Cup)
Birmingham C.	8454	10834	6391	Bailey 11
Blackpool	4036	5737	2512	Garner 7
Bolton W.	6927	10628	5501	Philliskirk 12
Brentford	5684	7962	4537	Holdsworth 11
Bristol C.	9728	17432	6365	Taylor 14
Bristol R.	5681	6821	4920	Mehew 10
Bury	3224	3969	2551	Robinson 14
Cardiff C.	3926	6372	2370	Pike 12
Chester C.	2398	3156	1882	Newhouse 6
Crewe A.	3613	4786	3165	Sussex 8
Fulham	4239	6089	3156	Walker 9
Huddersfield T.	6181	8483	4973	Maskell 10
Leyton Orient	4478	5817	3317	Cooper 10
Mansfield T.	3542	6384	2629	Christie 9
Northampton T.	3418	4088	3025	Barnes 12
Notts Co.	5740	7819	4588	Johnson 8
Preston N.E.	6743	9135	5067	Shaw 9
Reading	4263	5586	3242	Senior 14
Rotherham U.	5829	7750	4450	Williamson 19
Shrewsbury T.	3855	5118	2905	McGinley 15
Swansea C.	4460	12244	2738	Melville 8
Tranmere R.	6876	9020	4912	Muir 16
Walsall	4392	5693	3469	Rimmer 9
Wigan A.	2451	2727	2019	Hilditch 9

[Figures up to and including 5th January, 1990.]



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JUST THE TICKET AT THE BASEBALL GROUND

A new £300,000 railway station for football fans visiting Derby County will be opened in the New Year and will be used for the first time for the visit of Midlands rivals Nottingham Forest on January 20th.

The new halt, which is only 300 yards from the Baseball Ground, will remove the long trek from Derby station for away supporters. The scheme has been jointly financed by the club, local councils and the Football Trust.

BOXING DAY GAMES A BIG HIT WITH THE FANS

Boxing Day attendances in the Barclays League hit a seasonal high with over 566,000 spectators watching the 46 games. The total—up 4,000 on last season's figure—is the best for 6 years and confirms the continuing upturn in attendance levels.

According to Jack Rollin's 'Round Up' in The Sunday Telegraph, the breakdown for Barclays League attendances during the first nineteen weeks of the season is as shown below.

		<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Matches</u>	<u>Average</u>
Division 1	1988/89	3,667,476	177	20,720
	1989/90	3,992,428	191	20,903 + 0.9%
Division 2	1988/89	2,679,046	263	10,186
	1989/90	3,316,789	273	12,149 + 19.3%
Division 3	1988/89	1,232,718	237	5,201
	1989/90	1,191,894	240	4,966 - 4.5%
Division 4	1988/89	721,984	240	3,008
	1989/90	777,167	239	3,252 + 8.1%
Total	1988/89	8,301,224	917	9,053
	1989/90	9,278,278	943	9,839

Letter from The Liverpool University Football Club

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Liverpool University Football Club who celebrate their Centenary year this season.

To celebrate the first one hundred years of football at the University we will be holding a Sportsman's Dinner on the 19th May, 1990, for all L.U.F.C. Old Boys. To make this as momentous an occasion as possible we are anxious that as many Old Boys as possible are present at the Dinner. Unfortunately however we have lost touch with many of the ex players.

To this end we would appreciate it greatly if you could find space in your paper/programme to mention the above event and encourage any Old Boys interested to contact:

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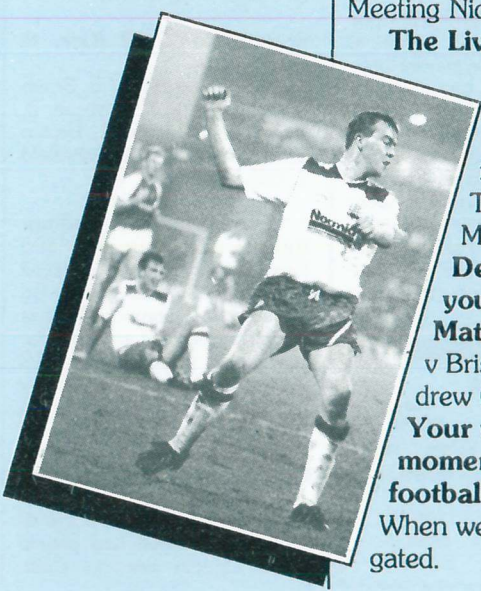
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PLAYER PROFILE

NICKY BROOKMAN



Name: Nicky Brookman

Place/Date of Birth:

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Married: No.

Children: No

Favourite Other

Team: Manchester City

Favourite Away

Ground: Villa Park

Best Player you have seen in your position:

Mark Walters

Best Goal scored and how: v Carlisle, volley edge of box.

Best Goal seen: Allan Mullery, Fulham v Chelsea.

Best Sporting Moment outside Football:

Meeting Nicky.

The Liveliest

Character you have met in football:

Trevor

Morgan

Details of your First

Match:

v Bristol City, drew 0-0.

Your worst moment on the football field:

When we got relegated.

The funniest incident you have seen on a football pitch: Watching Phil Brown get back after going forward.

Your best pal in football: Robbie Savage.

The best and worst dressers among your team mates: Ian Stevens (worst) Phil Brown

Do you have any hobbies: Snooker and cricket.

With which sports star would you like to change places for a day?: Marvin Hagler

Your favourite newspaper: The Sunday Sport

Your favourite holiday spot: Los Angeles and Ibiza.

Biggest risk taken in your life: Getting in John Blythes car and going out with Billy Nield.

Happiest moment outside football: The birth of my little sister.



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LINCOLN CITY



This evening we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Lincoln City to Burnden Park. Lincoln are among the promotion chasing pack in the Fourth Division and will be looking for a cup run to complement a hopefully successful second half of the League programme.

Lincoln City became the first side to be automatically relegated from the Fourth Division in 1987 but bounced back in fine style to

win the GM Vauxhall Conference at the first attempt. The experienced and well respected manager Colin Murphy returned to Sincil Bank in June 1987 and spearheaded the Red Imps' return to League status. Murphy, who has also managed Derby County and Stockport County, totally reshaped the side and Lincoln finished champions with 82 points from 42 games, two points ahead of Barnet. Crowds also showed a big increase, especially in the exciting run in, with a best of 9,432 watching the crucial home game with Wycome.

Last season Lincoln consolidated back in the Fourth Division and finished in tenth position, seven points behind the play off places. This season they began in fine style with six wins and a draw from the opening seven league games but recent form has been mixed. Lincoln lost at home to Carlisle and at Scarborough over the New Year weekend and prior to last Saturday's game at Hartlepool had won only three of their last 12 League games. Goalscoring has been a problem with only 23 in 22 games. In the Littlewoods Cup Lincoln lost 0-3 on aggregate to Wolves in the first round, and were knocked out of the FA Cup in the second round at Rochdale. In the Leyland DAF competition so far, Lincoln lost 0-3 at

Halifax but a 3-0 home win over Chesterfield was enough to see them through the group stages.

Lincoln City

Last Season 1988-89

Division 4

P46

Home: W12 D6 L5 F39 A26

Away: W6 D4 L13 F25 A34

64 Points (10th)

Most League Appearances

Matthewson 43, Evans 42, Wallington 38, Davis 37 + 1, Brown 31 + 7, Clarke 33 + 3, Nicholson 32 + 2, Hobson 32.

Most League Goals

Hobson 14, Smith 10, Cumming 5, Gamble 5.

This Season—Form Guide

Last 5 games [excluding v Hartlepool (a) last Saturday]

Rochdale (a) L 0-3 FAC-2

Rochdale (a) L 0-1

Cambge U. (h) W 4-3

Carlisle U. (h) L 1-3

Scarbr'gh (a) L 0-2

Scorers 1989-90 (Lge. & Cup)

Sertori 7, Carmichael 5, Smith 3, Bressington 2, Hobson 2, Nicholson 2, Groves 1, Brown 1, Clarke 1, Waitt 1, Schofield 1, OG 1.

Goalkeeper **Mark Wallington** has clocked up over 500 League appearances and played in all four divisions during his distinguished career. He has played for Walsall, Leicester City, where he appeared in 412 League games, and Derby County and made his Lincoln debut in August 1988. **Andy Gorton** is a former Oldham Athletic and Stockport County goalkeeper who moved to Sincil Bank last summer for a fee of £15,000. Gordon had played under Lincoln manager Colin

FACT FILE

Season	Div.	Position	Lge Cup	FA Cup	League	
					Most Apps	Top Scorer
1984-85	3	19th	1	1	Redfearn 43+2	Hobson 7, Jack 7 Shipley 7
1985-86	3	21st	1	1	Redfearn 43+2	Redfearn 8, Ward 8
1986-87	4	24th	1	2	West 45	Lund 13
1987-88	GMVC	1st	2	—	Brown 40, Matthewson 40	Brown 16
1988-89	4	10th	1	2	Matthewson 43	Hobson 14



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Murphy at Edgeley Park.

Jon Schofield is a midfield player who was signed from Gainsborough Trinity in November 1988. After his debut at Burnley, he went on to make 29 League appearances in his first Football League season. **David Clarke** is a former Notts County midfielder or defender who joined Lincoln in the 1988 close season. **Shane Nicholson** came through the youth ranks at Sincil Bank, establishing himself with 33 appearances in Lincoln's Conference winning side and a further 34 games in Division Four last season. **Steve Thompson** is in his second spell at the club after rejoining them from Sheffield United during the summer. He first moved to Lincoln from Boston United and made 154 appearances before being transferred to Charlton in 1985. The experienced central defender is nearing 300 League games.

Darren Davis is another former Notts County player, who was a key figure in his first season at Sincil Bank in 1988-89. The Sutton Ashfield born defender passed a century of League appearances early last season. **Darren Williams** is a

young midfield player who has been on loan to Lincoln recently from Leicester City. **Graham Bressington** was signed from Wycombe Wanderers for £18,000 in October 1987. The Eton born midfield player has now established himself in Lincoln's League side.

Mark Sertori is a Manchester born forward who followed Colin Murphy to Lincoln from Stockport County where he made a handful of League appearances. He made 28 appearances in Lincoln's Conference winning side and has been a regular on the club's return to League status. With seven goals he is Lincoln's top scorer so far this season. **Paul Smith** was signed by Lincoln from Port Vale for £48,000 in 1987 and made 33 appearances in Lincoln's championship side. The Rotherham born forward, who began his career at Sheffield United, scored 10 League goals last season. **Gordon Hobson** is an experienced forward in his second spell at Sincil Bank. He made his Lincoln debut in 1978 and scored 73 goals in 272 League games before moving on to Grimsby and Southampton. He rejoined Lincoln for a

£60,000 fee, a club record, last season and was the Red Imps' top scorer with 14 League goals to take his career tally to an impressive 113.

Matt Carmichael was signed by Lincoln from the Army during the summer and celebrated his League debut with the winning goal at home to Scunthorpe in the opening game of the season. He repeated the feat in the next game at Aldershot. **Mark Cook** is a young midfield player who came up through the youth ranks at Sincil Bank and made his League debut in the final game of last season. **Phil Brown** is a former Chesterfield and Stockport winger who was Lincoln's leading scorer in their successful Conference season with 16 goals in 40 games. **Alan Roberts** is Lincoln's joint record signing—he cost £60,000 from Sheffield United in October. The former Middlesbrough and Darlington forward has made nearly 200 League appearances.



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Due to the F.A. Cup 3rd Round ties the THIRD DIVISION was rather depleted with five fixtures only staged, but how important a bearing some of these had on the promotion hopes.

BOLTON'S quickly rearranged trip to TRANMERE's Prenton Park—cancelled four days previous due to a waterlogged surface—was a tricky encounter with Rovers only having suffered one home defeat since August. It was debut day for ex-Wanderer Neil McNab, signed for a Club record fee of £125,000 from Manchester City to boost Rovers promotion hopes. Despite wet wintry weather this time the match went ahead and over 8,000 spectators saw Ian Muir put Tranmere in front in the 32nd minute from the

penalty spot. Bolton's persistence eventually paid off in the 62nd minute when Julian Darby levelled. This paved the way for Barry Cowdrill to start a two goal in two minute spell starting in the 76th with Stuart Storer increasing the lead for his second goal in as many games to earn Wanderers a very creditable victory and a flying start to the 90's.

Neighbours BURY also face a difficult encounter at table topping NOTTS COUNTY who like Tranmere had suffered only one previous home defeat and the Shakers lived up to their nickname running out 4-0 winners.

IN THE CUP

Of our Third Division colleagues BLACKPOOL continue the F.A. Cup success. Having already deposed of Bolton and Scunthorpe, it was Burnley's turn to tackle the Seaside in this Lancashire 'hot pot'. Home advantage swayed the day in Blackpool's favour 1-0.

High riding BRISTOL CITY attracted in excess of 17,000 spectators to Ashton Gate for their clash with Second Division SWINDON. The Wiltshire outfit came out the reverse side of a 2-1 scoreline with all goals coming in the first half.

CARDIFF live to fight another day after holding First Division QUEENS PARK RANGERS to a scoreless draw at Ninian Park. CREWE almost pulled off one of the days giant-killing acts at CHELSEA after going ahead in the second half before the Pensioners levelled in the 76th minute and now face a tough replay at cramped Gresty Road.

1987 Cup winners COVENTRY made their 3rd Round exit for the second consecutive year, this time at NORTHAMPTON losing 1-0 and memories of their Wembley victory must now seem far, far away. SWANSEA had nothing to lose against current Cup holders LIVERPOOL. It took 21 year old 'keeper Lee Bracey to hold the Reds at bay and now it's a trip to Merseyside for the replay. WIGAN fought bravely at WATFORD but eventually went down 2-0 whilst ROCHDALE progressed to the 4th Round for only the second time in their history thanks to a single Steve Johnson effort to depose of the minnows of Whitley Bay.

Fourth Division giant killers were TORQUAY whose 1-0 victory over 2nd Division WEST HAM sent the fans from Plainmoor wild with delight.

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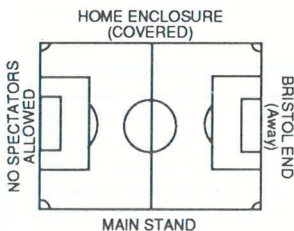
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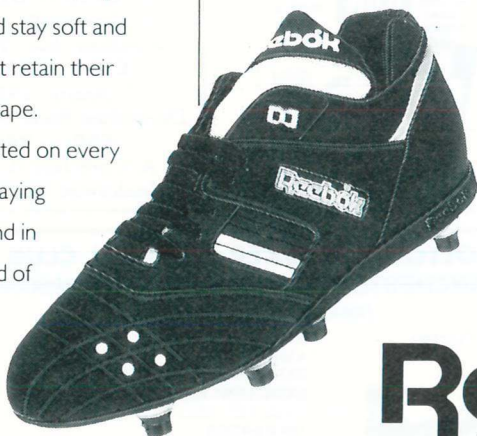
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9th January



BRIAN SMITH
Scored an FA Cup goal
on this day in 1979.

1904—Bolton played their fifth consecutive Second Division game at Burnden but couldn't keep up their one hundred per cent record when Burnley forced a 1-1 draw. Bill Yenson scored the Wanderers goal.

1915—A crowd of 17,871 saw the Wanderers defeat Notts County 2-1 at Burnden in the first round of the FA Cup. Joe Smith and Harold Hilton scored the goals to secure a second round tie against Millwall.

1926—Accrington Stanley proved a tough nut to crack in the third round of the FA Cup at Burnden. It needed a 49th minute goal from David Jack to win the tie for Bolton who finished the game with ten men after Ted Vizard had been sent off.

1932—The Wanderers took on Preston at Deepdale in the third round of the FA Cup and forced a replay after a scoreless draw. Unfortunately the replay proved to be a disaster when North End ran out 5-2 winners.

1937—Jack Atkinson returned to the side having recovered from his broken leg for the visit to Everton. G.T. Taylor and David Halford found the net for Bolton but the home side won the points by 3-2.

1946—The fourth round of the FA Cup was reached when the Wanderers won 3-1 against Blackburn at Ewood Park. Ray Westwood struck two goals and George Hunt once, as Bolton recorded a 4-1 aggregate win with the competition played over two legs during that season.

1965—Goals from Fred Hill, Dennis Butler and a Wyn Davies brace gave Bolton a third round FA Cup win by 4-1 over Workington at Burnden. The fourth round gave Bolton a tie against Preston for the second season in succession.

1971—The Wanderers went down 3-1 at Orient in a Second Division game that extended their run to seven games without a win. Jimmy Redfern playing his first game of the season as substitute for Roy Greaves, scored the Wanderers goal.

1979—Bristol City ended Bolton's cup hopes with a 3-1 win in the third round at Ashton Gate. Brian Smith was the Bolton goalgetter.

1988—Ian Stevens' first FA Cup goal for the Wanderers wasn't enough as Barnsley ran out 3-1 winners at Oakwell.



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Bolton 2
Blackpool 0



LEFT: Julian Darby heads the Wanderers into the lead.

ABOVE RIGHT:
 Paul Comstive goes in hard.

BELOW RIGHT:
 Steve Thompson in control.



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Well, it's all over for another year. Plenty of good cheer, food and a drop of drink will have passed our lips as we move forth into the nineties. What lies in store is very much in the future with the ups and downs of football causing ecstasy and agonies to players and supporters alike.

We have plenty to look forward to on a personal goal our aim of promotion to the Second Division with also the defence of our Sherpa Van Trophy, now of course the Leyland DAF Cup.

Tonight sees another step on the road to Wembley with the visit of Lincoln in what looks a very attractive game on paper, with the competition now reaching the straight knock out stage no one side can really afford to have a 'off night' otherwise they will find themselves out with no replays being allowed, it even comes down to the dreaded penalties which no one really wants.

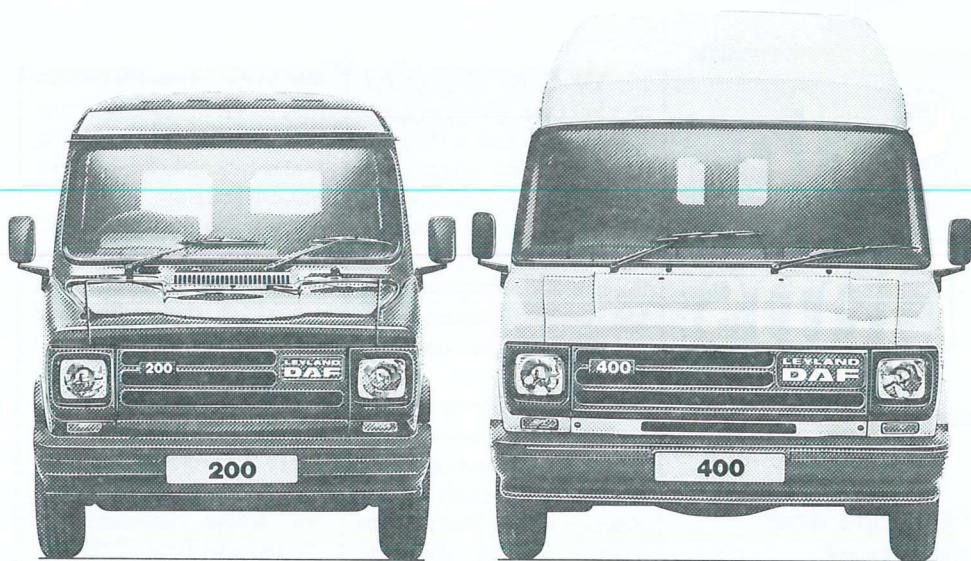
Lincoln of course come here tonight with nothing to lose as underdogs but as all Wanderers fans will confirm this is something of a special competition for us in reaching the Twin Towers twice within three years with the undoubted highlight being

that tremendous day back in May when the lads did us all proud, lifting the trophy in that memorable final against gallant Torquay.

Moving onto current matters its been good to see loan signing Martin Pike who joined us from Sheffield United settling into the side so well. He has proved to be yet another astute Phil Neal signing plus he is also another Geordie which I am sure has gone down well with the fellow clansmen Phil Brown and Tony Philliskirk.

The fine wins over Blackpool and Bury were just the tonic over the festive period plus the healthy plus four going onto the goal difference really did have the Burden faithfull enthusing. Barry Cowdrill's goal against Blackpool proved beyond doubt what affection the fans have for the likeable 'Brummie' and the double strike from David 'Matt' Reeves will have done his confidence no harm at all. Wasn't it good to have finally put one over the Shakers after all those years, it certainly made that first drink taste very sweet after the match.

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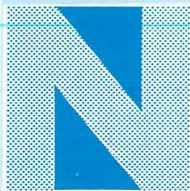


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Aug.	23	Sheffield W.	A	1-1
	30	Stoke C.	H	3-4
Sep.	6	West Bromwich A.	A	1-5
	13	York City	H	2-3
	19	Burnley	A	1-0
	20	Littlewoods Cup 2/1L		
	27	Blackpool	H	0-1
Oct.	2	Mansfield T.	A	4-2
	4	Littlewoods Cup 2/2L		
	11	Preston N.E.	H	0-0
	18	Port Vale	A	1-1
	25	Wolverhampton W.	H	1-2
Nov.	8	Wigan Ath.	H	P
	15	Sunderland	A	2-3
	22	Scunthorpe Utd.	A	1-3
	29	Barnsley	H	1-0
Dec.	5	Grimsby T.	A	
	13	Middlesbrough	H	
	19	Rotherham Utd.	A	
Jan.	3	Stoke City	A	
	10	Sheffield W.	H	
	17	York City	A	
	24	West Brom. Albion	H	
	31	Burnley	H	
Feb.	7	Blackpool	A	
	12	Preston N.E.	A	
	14	Littlewoods Cup SF/1L		
	21	Mansfield T.	H	
	28	Barnsley	A	
Mar.	5	Port Vale	H	
	14	Scunthorpe Utd.	H	
	28	Wolverhampton W.	A	
Apr.	4	Grimsby T.	H	
	10	Middlesbrough	A	
	18	Rotherham Utd.	H	
	30	Wigan Ath.	A	
May	2	Sunderland	H	

13th December, 1989.

Bolton Wanderers Reserves . . . 1

Middlesbrough Reserves 4

Although the result was emphatic enough the Wanderers produced a much better home display than of late with the approach work being of a better standard.

'Boro looked sharp up front and capitalised on some defensive errors whilst at the other end the visitors former Manchester United 'keeper Steve Pears was in top form.

Mark Burke put 'Boro in front in the 18th minute with a volley at the far post after a flick on at the near post had caught the Bolton defence out.

Two minutes from half time Paul Kerr's shot from 15 yards took a deflection on its way into the net for the visitors second goal.

The Wanderers created a number of half chances during the first period, the most notable being a low cross from Stuart Storer that went across the face of an open goal, with no one to make the final touch.

Storer and Nicky Brookman combined well three minutes into the second period to set up Ian Stevens. His shot from the edge of the area brought out a spectacular diving save from Pears.

Darren Oliver and Paul Hughes both saw long range efforts just off target but the visitors sealed the points with two goals in seven minutes.

Paul Kerr collected a wayward pass to run clear and hit his sides third goal and then Andy Fletcher broke clear to pull the ball back for Lee Tucker to sweep home the fourth.

Six minutes from time Paul Hughes who had been unlucky with a number of shots during the game, rattled home a 20 yard piledriver for the Wanderers goal and seconds later he was denied a second by a tremendous save from Pears.

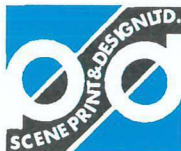
Robbie Savage made his comeback after injury when he came on as a 72nd minute substitute.

TEAMS

Bolton: Rose, Roberts, Oliver, Hughes, Came, Neal, Storer, Spooner, Brookman, Stevens, Fisher.

Subs: Savage for Fisher, Birks for Brookman.

Middlesbrough: Pears, McGee, Sunley, Trotter, Lake, Agnew, Holmes, Kerr, Burke, Fletcher, Tucker. Subs: Nesbitt, Green for Tucker.



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

JOHN THOMAS

West Bromwich Albion



It's only a short while since John was starring in Bolton's Sherpa Van success at Wembley—ironically his last game in Wanderers colours—before moving to West Brom. during the summer. But John is the ideal subject in this issue since he's served both Clubs.

John said, "I joined Lincoln for a two year spell in 1983 when they were in the Third Division and scored 23 goals in about 55 appearances." Since then of course Lincoln suffered the disappointment of losing their Football League status but thankfully returned after just one season as a stronger outfit. John continued, "Present manager Colin Murphy was in charge when I was there and my old team mates Gordon Hobson and defender Steve Thompson have both returned."

J.T., as he was nicknamed by the Wanderers faithfuls, confessed to being unable to fully settle down in Lincolnshire at the time. He explained, "I thought that the north west was the place for football; my girlfriend lived in Bolton and I wanted to get back." Jokingly he added, "On top of that I was sharing rented property with Dave Felgate and when he went the garden was left in a right mess."

John Thomas got his wish in a £15,000 move to

Preston where he was leading goalscorer for two consecutive seasons and this prompted Phil Neal to fork out £30,000 to bring John to Burnden. The 'scoring machine' continued and his 28 goal tally helped Wanderers gain promotion. Ambitions to "give it a go in a higher grade", John joined West Brom but has been limited to just nine appearances so far. He said, "I started off the season as sub but after doing well, eventually got into the side at West Ham and have scored 4 goals to date but I lost a bit of form and have missed the last 6 games."

Probably when John settles into his own house in the Midlands and his wife Lesley is able to move down his form will improve. He finds Second Division football to be faster and harder.

The popular John Thomas has many friends in Bolton and since leaving has been back for the Swindon game. He said, "The team impressed me and Philliskirk in particular. I believe David Reeves had just returned after injury. I'm pleased to hear that Julian Darby and Mark Winstanley are coming through nicely and Mark Came is a hell of a player when fit."

As for the prospects at West Brom. John concluded, "We are struggling at the moment but with 3 points a game you can soon shoot up there."

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**"Both clubs have
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success"**

*Photo: Steve Thompson's
equaliser in September 1985.*



The Wanderers will tonight be looking to repeat the success gained against Lincoln City in the only other knockout competition game between the clubs.

This took place at Burnden in August 1977 when Bolton, then on top of the Second Division, defeated Third Division Lincoln by 1-0. The decisive goal came after only three minutes play when Alan Waldron's shot was deflected just inside the upright. In the visitors line up that day was current Wanderers defender Dean Crombie.

Although the first league encounter between the clubs wasn't until 1899, the Wanderers made regular visits to the Cathedral City for friendlies, the first of which was in January, 1888 when Lincoln ran out 4-3 winners.

Lincoln made their first visit to Burnden Park in September 1899 for a Second Division fixture. The Wanderers, who were

looking for a swift return to the top flight, ran out 4-0 winners with goals from Albert Gilligan, Laurie Bell, Jack Fitchett and John Somerville.

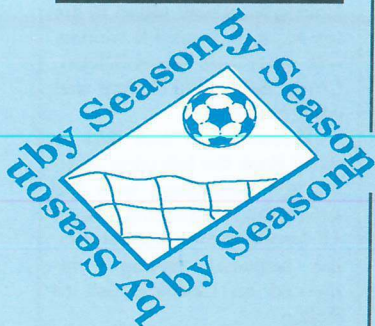
Bolton made their first to Sincil Bank the following January and went down to a 1-0 defeat, this result ending a run of 17 league games without loss, the sequence having commenced on Lincoln's visit to Bolton.

Both clubs have had a measure of success on each others home territory with Lincoln's victories at Burnden coming in December 1903, December 1933 and February 1984. The Wanderers have not won at Sincil Bank since November 1910 but have managed to draw on three of their last four visits.

The last league clashes took place in 1985/86 when both games resulted in 1-1 draws. At Burnden in September 1985 Warren Ward gave Lincoln a 9th minute lead but Steve Thompson equalised with a curling 25 yard free kick. The following March Phil Neal fired home a 30 yard drive to put Bolton in front but Kevin Kilmore poached a 32nd minute equaliser. Tony Caldwell had the opportunity to secure the points for the Wanderers but saw his 78th minute penalty kick saved by 'keeper Trevor Swinburne.

Our overall league record against Lincoln is as follows:

	P	I	W	D	L	F	A
Home	8	4	1	3	15	9	
Away	8	2	3	3	8	8	
Total	16	6	4	6	22	17	



Failure to return to the first league prompted more comings and goings. William Brown went to Aston Villa for the highest fee received. Jocky Wright and Harry Gardiner went to Plymouth, Jimmy Hanson to Doncaster and Tom Barlow joined Millwall.

Incomings were Tom Wilson from Queens Park Rangers, Archie Taylor from Dundee and George Eccles from West Ham. Albert Shepherd, later to become an English International, rejoined the Wanderers from Bolton St. Lukes and was still only

seventeen years old.

Burnden Park saw its last Annual Athletic Sports day which still attracted over 10,000 spectators.

The League season opened with a visit to Bristol City's new ground at Ashton Gate. A rare victory on that ground was recorded with a last minute goal from Yenson securing a 4-3 result.

Bolton hit the top of the Second Division after a 2-1 win at Bank Street, home of Manchester United, who had previously been undefeated. The gates were closed with a crowd of 30,000 seeing both Bolton goals coming from Wattie White.

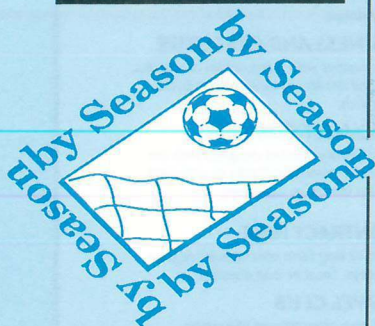
Six straight wins consolidated Bolton's position at the head of the League although both Liverpool and Manchester United were in hot pursuit. The first defeat of the season came in the seventh game, a 1-0 reverse at Chesterfield, but the following week Doncaster were beaten 2-0 at Burnden to

record the club's 100th Second Division point.

Bradford City became the second club to defeat the Wanderers which prompted changes for the home game against third placed Gainsborough who were a point behind. Out went Bill Yenson and Bob Taylor and in came Albert Shepherd and Tom Wilson who both made their debuts.

Gainsborough were promptly thrashed 5-1 and a run of eleven consecutive League wins then followed. Both Sam Marsh and Wattie White grabbed hat tricks in the 7-1 home win over Burton United and undefeated League leaders Liverpool were beaten 2-0 before a record Burnden gate of 27,824.

The struggle for promotion became a three cornered affair with Liverpool and Manchester United. The pendulum swung in United's favour early in January when they won 4-2 at Burnden still

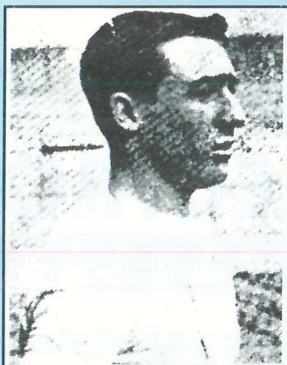


having only suffered a single defeat inflicted by Bolton early in the season.

Liverpool too continued to be consistent but it was during the Easter holiday that the momentous issue was solved. The Anfielders won their last five games without conceding a goal. The only time during the season they themselves failed to find the net was in defeat at Burnley but they took the championship.

Both United and the Wanderers faced tough away games but there was a complete contrast in results. The Wanderers took maximum points, without conceding a goal,

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**17 Year-old
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at Blackpool and West Brom. United inexplicably lost their form and went down at Chesterfield and Liverpool without scoring a goal.

The struggle for promotion was terminated with success and fate decreed that United had to drag themselves through another season of weary existence in the Second Division.

The season wound up with a visit to Barnsley and although the result was immaterial, a 2-1 reverse ended a fine away record of six months without defeat.

In the FA Cup, revenge for last seasons defeat was gained over Manchester City when they were accounted for in the second round at Burnley. Eventual League champions and cup finalists Newcastle United proved too good for the Wanderers in the next round with a 2-0 win also at Burnley.

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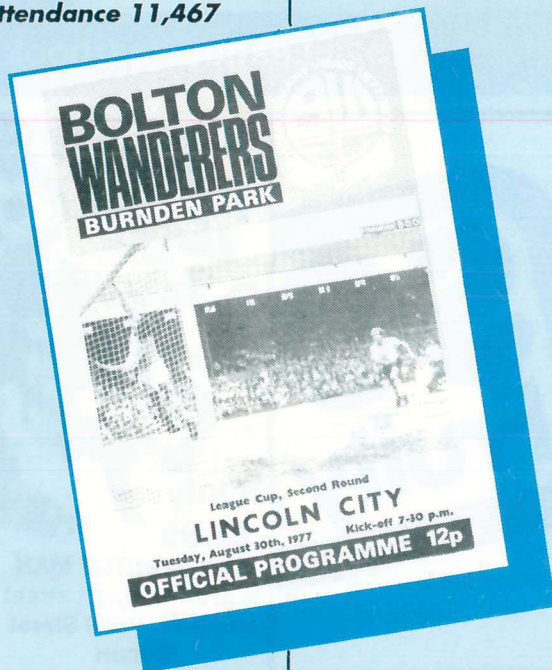
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Second Round
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Playing at left back this night for Lincoln was a youngster, namely Dean Crombie—this was his pen pic from this programme:

"Dean Crombie—Another local boy emerging from the youth scheme to make an impact in the Third Division last year, his first in full-time career. Very promising player who, with continued improvement already shown to date, will be an attraction for the bigger clubs."

Our exciting 3-3 draw at Gay Meadow back in December saw Shrewsbury produce a 24 page programme priced at 60p. Don Stanton who is also involved in producing the Birmingham and Walsall programmes is again involved in publishing this effort. A colourful, attractive cover leads the way into 'Team Talk' with Ian McNeil the Shrews manager. A double page feature 'Town Talk' informs the fans on all the latest news from Gay Meadow while 'Soccer Scene' takes a look around at action from Division 3 and 4. 'Charles Diary' a column which featured a day to day account of the writers happenings in that particular week. The centre pages featured 'Shrews in Action' while 'Captain's Corner' was quite interesting with skipper David Hoyes helping to keep the fans informed about the playing side of the clubs. A three page feature on the Wanderers was very good with 'Back in Time' and 'Golden Oldies' complimenting a value for money programme.





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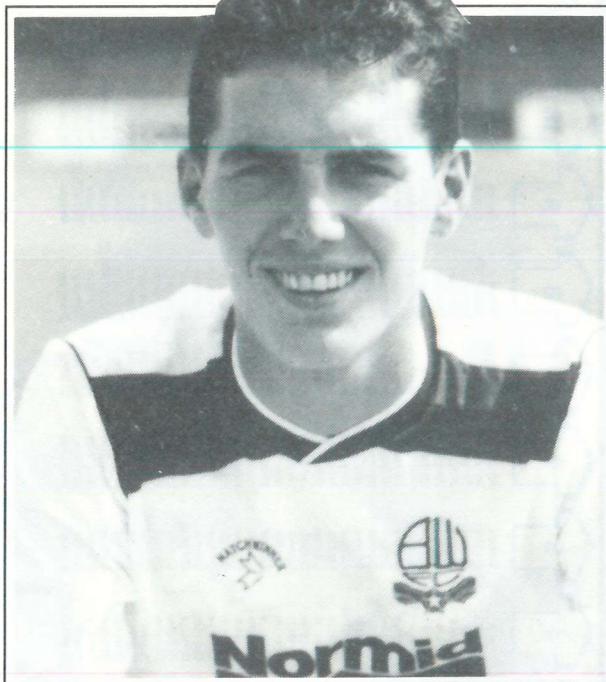
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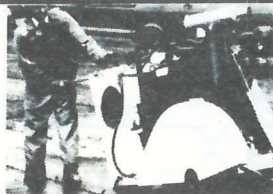


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Andrew Cardwell
Andrew is seven years old
and lives at Turton, Bolton.

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Bury	23	4	5	2	16	11	7	1	4	24	18	39
Bolton	22	6	4	1	14	9	4	4	3	19	14	38
Rotherham	23	8	3	0	33	11	2	4	6	13	18	37
Huddersfield	22	6	3	2	17	11	3	6	2	14	16	36
Tranmere	22	6	3	2	25	11	4	3	1	6	16	34
Birmingham	22	7	3	1	19	5	2	2	7	8	19	32
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Reading	21	5	4	2	14	12	2	4	5	10	16	26
Brentford	23	6	1	5	23	16	2	1	8	11	21	26
Wigan	22	5	3	2	16	8	0	5	6	10	20	26
Preston	23	6	4	2	24	17	1	1	6	7	19	26
Chester	23	5	4	3	16	14	1	4	6	7	19	26
Cardiff	21	2	4	4	14	17	4	3	4	14	16	25
L. Orient	23	6	2	3	17	11	1	2	9	13	27	25
Blackpool	22	3	3	5	11	13	2	3	6	9	16	21
Manfield	22	4	1	5	14	16	2	2	7	8	18	21
Walsall	22	2	3	7	9	18	3	4	10	15	21	

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- 9 David REEVES
- 10 Tony PHILLISKIRK
- 11 Julian DARBY
- 12
- 14

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- 5 Steve THOMPSON
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